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5. Equipment is reasonably good and is of recent Czechoslovak manufacture. There are no reserve stocks.
6. The morale and discipline of the SNB in Slovakia were good until February 1948. About 60 percent of the personnel were former Gendarmerie members, and most of them had participated in the Slovak resistance movement. New members were recruited according to the directives governing personnel procurement in the First Republic. The minimum requirements were: graduation from the normal school, honorable discharge from the Army, political reliability, and good character. Beginning in 1946, partisan politics played no part in the service. The preparation for SNB service during the period 1946-1947 was conducted strictly on the basis of peacetime standards of schooling and screening, so that many unqualified or morally defective persons who had been accepted hastily during the first months after the liberation were eliminated. The majority of the persons dismissed in 1946-1947 belonged to the Communist Party.
7. The SNB Officer Corps, with the exception of a few Communists protected by the Communist Party, was composed chiefly of officers of democratic views, as a rule not affiliated with any political party. Trained in schools of the Czechoslovak Gendarmerie, these officers were highly qualified. There was only one Communist among the twelve SNB regional chiefs, and out of seventy-eight district commanders, only two or three were Communist Party members. Only 5 to 6 percent of SNB members were organized in political parties; 2 percent were members of the Communist Party.
8. Officers at Provincial SNB Headquarters in Bratislava before the February Coup.
 - a. Only two officers were Communists: Major Vrazda and Staff Captain Malik.
 - b. The Provincial SNB Chief, Colonel Andrej Juny, had gone through the Gendarmerie schools during the First Republic. 50X1-HUM
 - c. The Deputy Provincial Chief, Colonel Reit, was also a member of the former Czechoslovak Gendarmerie. 50X1-HUM
 - d. The Chief of the Personnel Section was Lt. Col. Michal Repka
 - e. Deputy Chief of the Personnel Section was Major Vrazda
 - f. Chief of the Materiel Sections was Staff Captain Caban
9. After the Communist putsch and the organizational change described above, the Provincial SNB Chief, Col. Juny, was sent on leave, and his place was taken by SNB Lt. Col. Lipka, who had been an SNB member since 1945. 50X1-HUM

The Provincial Deputy Chief, Col. Reit, was retired. Of the higher officers at the Provincial SNB Headquarters only Communists were left at their posts. The post-February purge resulted in the dismissal of a great many anti-Communist members of the SNB, but it did not change the anti-Communist feeling and hidden hatred of the Communists among the majority of SNB members in Slovakia.

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